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MONDAY MORNING, JAN. 18, 1852.

A friend has placed in our hands a copy of the Providence Daily, containing a report of the proceedings of a late Temperance Convention in that city, with a request that we would transfer them, on an abridgment of them, to our columns. Without looking at the article, we half-promised to comply with his wishes. But upon reading the proceedings, we find them so full of twaddle, vain boasting, high-flown declaiming, and wild fanaticism, that we cannot carry out his wishes, for we do not think that there is anything in the doings of that meeting, as reported in the paper before us, which would possess a particle of interest to any one, except, perhaps, a few mad enthusiasts on this subject—and we do not think that we have many such readers—at all events, if we have, we cannot gratify them in this particular.

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IN THE PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.—This celebrated Magician gave his first soiree in Montreal last evening in the Odd Fellows' Hall to a crowded audience. The place and the man were certainly well-suited to each other, as this Wizard is most undoubtedly the *oldest* fellow I have ever seen. It is quite impossible to give any idea of the wonderful dexterity, ease, and gracefulness with which he performs his extraordinary feats, many of which also are so judicious and full of burlesque, as to keep him in a roar of laughter during his performance. This performer has the power of making any object, but an extraordinary human, disappear. Though not faultless and certainly not a model for ladies of our country, she is by no means bad, as she has been presented, and even less than hundreds of European ladies in high life, who pass without public scandal. Her career has been a most eventful one, and her present professional visit to America not among the least singular incidents.

Ole Bull, the distinguished Norwegian violinist, who created so much excitement in this country a few years ago, arrived at New York, last Friday, in the steamship Asia.

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A SERMON BY THE POPE.—A correspondent of the Augsburg Algemeine Zeitung, writes from Rome on Nov. 25, an account of a sermon preached by Pius IX., which is translated as follows:

"Yesterday morning the Pope said mass in the antique church on the Roman Forum, dedicated to St. Camillus and St. Damasus, and administered the holy communion to a great number of the faithful. The Holy Father was once an excellent preacher, and now is heard from time to time in that capacity. His discourse, as head of the Catholic Church, is of universal interest. The crowd was however too great, and the place which—not without many a hard-jam of the—was I able to reach, was unfortunately too remote for me to hear the whole of his sermon. I understand, however, enough to know that the Pope was speaking of the pious life of St. Leonard, of Porto-Mentizio, a Franciscan, who died just a hundred years ago, and in whose memory the service was held; then he brought into strong contrast the unbelief of our day, and declared vehemently against revolutionary movements and the shameful existence of the sects. The Pope was visibly moved; from time to time tears shone in his eyes, which looked down upon his hearers with indescribable expression."

The Forest Divorce Case appears fast drawing to a close; it is thought by many who have heard the testimony that Mrs. F. will sustain herself triumphantly, and that she will obtain a bill of divorce. Public opinion has set strongly in favor of the lady during the last few days.

The Duke of Wellington is rejoicing at having canvas back ducks brought within reach, in his life-time, by the improvements in steam navigation.

General Assembly.

JANUARY SESSION AT PROVIDENCE.

FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 16.

SENATE.—The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock. His Excellency in the chair.

House.—After the reading of the journal and the transaction of some business of no general interest, it being the day for the consideration of private bills, the House went into the committee of the whole on the state of the Union, and are now engaged in discussing boundary bills on the calendar.

An act providing for a Court Seal for the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the County of Newport, was read and passed.

House.—The House met at the usual hour; Mr. Speaker Bosworth in the chair.

Resolution from the Senate for the appointment of an Engrossing Clerk was reported by the Judiciary Committee, with the recommendation that the House concur in it.

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